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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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NETWORK CONTROL SYSTEM, AND  
CONTROLLER, TARGET, AND CONSUMER  
USED IN THE NETWORK CONTROL SYSTEM

[Corresponding to PCT/JP00/00307

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request  
consideration of (x) the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or () the additional  
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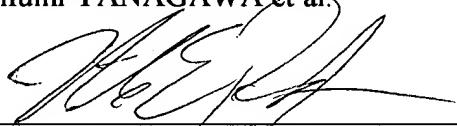
5. (x) Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:

The cited references are those from the International Search Report, submitted herewith. It is believed that WIPO has provided copies of these references to the PTO.

6. (x) Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report citing these references.

Respectfully submitted,

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